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LET THE GAMES BEGIN! Doug Bassett drops the ceremonial first puck at Thursday evening's Opening Ceremonies for a faceoff between the Bow Island Rebels captain and Elk Point Avalanche captain Liam Ludlage. Ludlage would go on to become the tournament's top points-getter, with seven goals and seven assists to his credit in a weekend of outstanding competition.

Bantam championship decided in double OT

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The final game in this weekend's Bantam 'D' Provincial Championship tournament was close to being literally a game and a half, taking a total of 17 minutes and 33 seconds of overtime to declare Valleyview Ice Bears the 2018 champions, with a 3 – 2 win over Hanna Colts.

The Colts also placed second in last year's provincial final when they lost to Boyle Blazers.

The Bears scored their first two goals in the opening period, before the Colts made it onto the scoreboard. The Colts scored the tying goal in the dying seconds of the second period for a 2 – 2 tie that lasted not only through the third period but also through a 10-minute first overtime, with Reegan Viker finally hitting the mesh off assists by Nathanial Scobey and Jason Seekowsski at the 7:33 mark of the second overtime to claim the win.

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Adult living villas proposed for Elk Point seniors

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A proposal that would see a complex of up to 25 adult living villas built on 7.21 acres at the north end of Elk Point was brought to Elk Point town council last Monday. CEO Dixie Dahlstedt and sales and marketing director Stacie Sandmeyer of Country Garden Villas were on hand to outline the project, which Dahlstedt said would provide "solutions that people are attracted to" for the community's current deficiency of housing for seniors.

"The government can't possibly fulfill the needs, and the current seniors' housing is based on the health care system," Dahlstedt added, especially with the increasing number of seniors.

The villas would be sold, providing the purchasers with a tangible asset that would become part of their estate, rather than depleting their savings by paying what is sometimes "quite staggering rent" for traditional seniors' accommodation.

The single-storey, 1,200 square foot villas would be built six to each of four wings, and each unit would have its own double garage and a private outdoor patio. The units would be linked with a broad hallway and would have a common area and a hospitality room or alternative use room midway down each wing. The wings would be joined in the middle with a conservatory. Five villas per wing would include two large bedrooms, two handicapped accessible baths and a great room with kitchen, dining and living space, as well as a laundry room, while the end unit would also have a third bedroom and a sunroom. The surrounding area would include gardens and room for RV parking, Dahlstedt indicated

The plan is to build one wing at a time, and the developers feel that "construction would generate interest" and eliminate the need for pre-selling, with a start made on a second wing before the first one is complete, as that interest grows. Once all four wings were in place, a smaller building at the south end of the complex could be built, possibly to accommodate dementia patients and their caregivers.

Coun. Debra McQuinn called the concept "very unique, a beautiful vision," while other members of council remarked that the complex would allow seniors to maintain their autonomy while having a sense of social connection, and could be a foundation on which a care system can grow. Mayor Lorne Young said the presentation included "good information and was worth the time it took."

Council's discussion of the proposal later in the meeting included a recommendation from CAO Ken Gwozdz that the first step would be development of a memorandum of understanding that outlines the responsibilities for both the developer and the town, with the second step being an application for a development permit. He will contact the town's solicitor to prepare a memorandum of understanding.

Personnel policy

The town's revised personnel policy was brought back to council, and was adopted, subject to a legal review and the preparation of Schedule F, a Health and Wellness Spending Account. It will be back before council at the April 23 meeting.

Strategic Plan

Council received a quarterly update from the County of St. Paul on the 2018 Regional Strategic Plan outlining recent progress in many areas.

Provincials donations

Requests for funding for hockey teams heading off to provincials tournaments in other locations could not be fulfilled, as the fund is earmarked to go only to teams that are hosting provincials in Elk Point.

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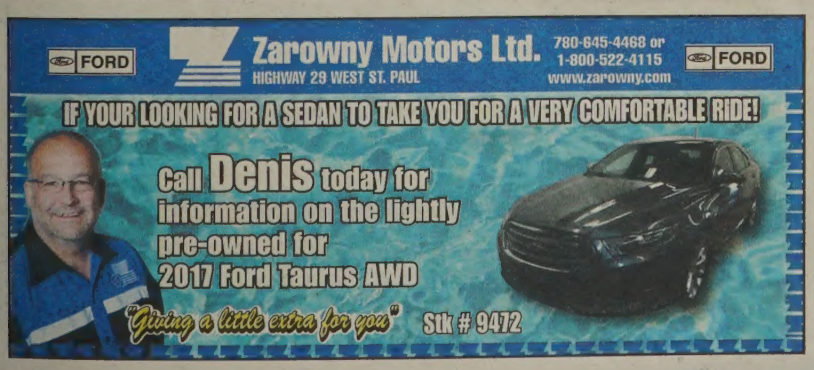

Stubbs to introduce motion on rural crime to Parliament

GRANT DEME
Review Contributor

Lakeland MP Shannon Stubbs is introducing Motion 167 into parliament on March 27, calling on the federal government to look further into rural crime.

On March 14, the local MP held a teleconference with members of Alberta's United Conservative Party.

"In my view it's critical that we have an understanding of the root cause of (rural crime)," Jason Nixon, the UCP's House Leader and MLA, said in the call.

"That's why I think Ms. Stubbs motion to have the House of Commons standing committee...undertake a detailed study of the issue will go a long way towards understanding (and) dealing with the epidemic that is plaguing rural communities across the province and this country."

Stubbs says it's imperative that the motion passes.

"The reason this motion is so important is because 2015 was the first time police reported crime in Canada went up in over a decade, and it went up again in 2016."

"So, the experiences of our constituents are reflected in the statistics, but the reality is that because the significant escalation of crime is relatively recent, a comprehensive investigation has not yet been undertaken, federally," she added.

Alberta led the nation in the crime spike, seeing a 10 per cent increase province-wide.

"A recent RCMP report said property crime in rural Alberta has increased by 41 per cent in the past five years."

Stubbs mentioned the $10 million the provincial government is allocating to help combat rural crime is a good start, but more needs to be done.

"At least the provincial announcement last week seems to finally be an agreement that (rural crime) is a real and an urgent problem," said the MP.

However, Justice Critic and MLA Angela Pitt who was also on the teleconference, was much more blunt.

"A detailed of this . . . complex issue is long overdue . . . If the NDP had taken the time (to talk to people), they would have known the sharp rise in rural crime would take more (to fix) than money."

She added, "The simple fact is that the (justice) system doesn't take rural crime seriously enough. That's why we see individuals with multiple convictions being released, only to go out and offend again," Pitt said, referring it as a revolving door affect.

Stubbs said the issue is gaining momentum from colleagues all over Canada, and she is confident the motion will pass.

"We are building endorsements and support for the motion right across the country. Subject to legislative schedule changes, the motion should be up for debate in the House of Commons on March 27," she said.

"It will likely come back a month later and hopefully we will vote on it."

County briefs

GRANT DEME
Review Contributor

The County of St. Paul held its monthly meeting on March 13.

Approved Waterline

Council awarded the tender to Berretta Pipeline Construction LP to construct the Mallaig Regional Waterline, by recommendation from Urban Systems Ltd. The waterline will run from Ashmoont to Mallaig, along the Iron Horse Trail Right of Way.

Beretta submitted a tender of a little over $7 million. The original price tag on the project is just over $10 million, with grants covering the majority of the amount.

The project is split into two parts, with a pump upgrade already taking place at Edwand. That portion of the project is being managed by Highway 28/63 Commission and is anticipated to cost around $3 million, explained CAO Sheila Kitz, after the meeting.

With the bid from Beretta coming in at about $7 million, and taking into consideration other items, such as engineering costs, "we come in just within budget with a bit of a contingency."

Elk Point Ambulance Service

The Elk Point Fire Department raised an issue about response time during a recent meeting with the County.

"They feel that there's supposed to be two ambulances in Elk Point but there's generally one. And often the fire department is waiting up to 40 to 50 minutes for ambulances to arrive," said Kitz.

According to the March agenda for last week's council meeting, the fire chief indicated that on several occasions volunteer fire fighters are attending to medical assists for period of up to 40 minutes prior to ambulance arriving on scene. This appears to be due to ambulances away on transfers or only one ambulance in the community at a time.

"The committee felt it was prudent to send a letter to Alberta Health Services to discuss their concerns about ambulance level of service in the Elk Point area," Kitz explained.

County council agreed to send the letter of concern along to AHS.

Elks competing in Senior AA Provincials

Elk Point Elks will compete in the six-team Senior AA hockey provincials in Bonnyville this weekend, playing at 5 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday, with the round robin winding up on Saturday and the medal games at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Good luck Elks!

FARMLAND / RECREATIONAL LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

The owners hereby offer the following parcels of land located near the Town of Elk Point, Alberta, for sale by tender, subject only to the existing reservations on title:

1) Pt. NE 10-57-6-W4 (126.02 acres) $4,500 in annual surface lease
2) NW 10-57-6-W4 (159.88 acres) $100 in annual surface lease as well as active gravel pit.
3) NW 21-57-6-W4 (159.88 acres) $7,150 in annual surface lease
4) SW 21-57-6-W4 (160.00 acres) $2,000 in annual surface lease

The land is located approximately 5 km northeast of Elk Point, Alberta near Moosehills Lake.

The subject properties contain a total of 605.78 titled acres. The properties are a mix of open pasture land and treed areas. There is a developed gravel pit in the southeast corner of Pt. NE 10 and the remains of an older excavation site in the southeast corner of the NW 10. The properties also contain a number of surface lease sites and an abandoned building site on the SW 21.

Tenders are to be submitted in sealed envelopes marked *O'Kane Tender*, and mailed to Rick and Colleen Penner, PO Box 1704, Claresholm, Alberta, T0L 0T0.

No conditional tenders will be accepted and the highest, or any tender, will not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders will be opened at noon on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 and will not be opened in public. Only the successful tenderers will be contacted. Please consider the time it will take for your tender to arrive via Canada Post or arrange alternative delivery to owner.

The successful tenderer shall be obligated to provide a 10% non-refundable deposit which will be wired to the owner within 72 hours of notification of the successful bid.

The 10% deposit shall constitute a deposit towards the purchase price. Taxes will be adjusted on closing date. There will be no other adjustments.

For further information, please contact Rick or Colleen Penner at (403) 643-2167 or (403) 625-6626.

PRESS RELEASE

RE: RECRUITING DRIVE FOR THE ELK POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Throughout the upcoming year, the County of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department are teaming up for a recruiting campaign for volunteer fire fighters.

In the past, the Elk Point Fire Department conducted its own recruiting drive. This year, by combining efforts with the Town and County, we hope to better promote the Elk Point Fire Department as well as the serious need for volunteer fire fighters.

The County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point jointly oversee the Elk Point Fire Department. There are currently fewer than ten active members in the Elk Point Fire Department. Ideally, we would like to see that number around twenty for an area of our size.

The Elk Point Fire District services the Town of Elk Point, the Hamlets of Lindbergh, Riverview and Heinsburg as well as the Divisions 1 & 2 in the County of St. Paul. The Fire District services approximately three thousand residents.

The department has seen increases in the number of calls over the years particularly to attend motor vehicle collisions. Like many fire departments across Alberta it is difficult to find volunteers in smaller rural communities. In Elk Point's situation many of the current volunteers work outside of the community and are unable to respond to calls during the day.

The situation in the Elk Point region is critical. Without a fully staffed fire department, it would require a minimum twenty to thirty-minute response time for the St. Paul Fire Department to respond. There are potentially some additional consequences for resident if the Elk Point Fire Department cannot increase staffing. For example, insurance premiums are negatively affected by the distance a dwelling or structure is from a fire hall. It is in the best interest of area residents to become engaged and volunteer.

The County and Town strongly encourage local businesses in the region to allow their employees who are volunteer fire fighters the time off work to respond to calls. One day it may be your home or business on fire or a motor vehicle accident you or your family is involved in that requires emergency services.

Some of the basic requirements for volunteer fire fighters include:

- Must be eighteen years of age or older
- Have a valid class 5 driver's license
- Be in good health and physically fit
- Live in the response area

Anyone interested in volunteering their time is welcome to call the County Office at (780) 645-3301 ext. 204, the Town of Elk Point Office at (780) 645-3810, or the Elk Point Fire Chief at (780) 614-8534.

Interested parties are also welcoming to attend Fire Practice on Mondays at 7:00 pm at the Elk Point Fire Hall.

Town of Elk Point Mayor: Lorne Young
Reeve County of St. Paul: Steve Upham
Elk Point Fire Chief: Lyle Frisby

CAPC weighs in on crime, crime prevention

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and Area Community Advisory Policing Committee (CAPC) welcomed County of St. Paul Couns. Darrell Younghans, Division 1, and Kevin Wirsta, Division 2, to their March 14 meeting, and are looking forward to having their input. Former county representative Dwight Dach, now a member at large, is back with the group to continue his stint as chairman.

Josh Bateman reported on "a rough month" at the Baptist Church, which was first vandalized and then had two storage shed break-ins, with the church's snow blower stolen in the first incident. They plan to improve their security camera system to deter future incidents of this kind.

Dwayne Yaremkevich said the Town of Elk Point has been busy, with one of their tasks being to enforce parking bylaws that prohibit unlicensed vehicles and recreational vehicles from parking on the streets and thus disrupting snow removal. Council is holding a strategic planning session this weekend, he said.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has a new executive at the helm, and is exploring new ideas for debt reduction and supporting businesses in the area.

Orest Sereda told the group that four members of Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch attended the Alberta Rural Crime Watch convention in Lacombe last month. The local group had a crown prosecutor from St. Paul as one of the guests at their annual general meeting and learned some valuable information. Sereda says he welcomes the federal injection of funding for rural crime reduction and hopes some of it will be used in this area. The next GLRCW meeting will be held in Elk Point on Thursday, April 19.

Darrell Younghans spoke on the need for all municipalities to develop intermunicipal development plans and intermunicipal collaboration frameworks, which cover everything from land use to recreation. A resolution from the county is going to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties regarding the lack of crown prosecutors in rural areas, which results in overwhelming caseloads. MP Shannon Stubbs is taking a letter of concern to parliament regarding rural crime. St. Paul RCMP's new Staff Sgt. Cory Blize attended the March 13 county meeting.

Kevin Wirsta feels the recreation survey recently distributed to residents of Elk Point, St. Paul, the County of St. Paul and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay was "very well received" and brought an excellent response. The information brought forward both from the questionnaire and from meetings with groups across the area will help in developing a regional master plan for recreation.

Levina Ewasiuk said the Seniors Recreation Centre is enjoying good participation in their activities and are holding an afternoon jamboree on March 31. She said it was good to hear that more funding would be coming forth to combat rural crime and understands the frustration that break-ins bring to the victims and to the community at large. She has heard about community mobilization, where cities have coordinated efforts, but feels "we just need to collaborate."

Suzanne Larsen reported that Victim Services has received 61 files since Jan. 1, many of them dealing with family violence, while "theft is another big one."

Shaylyn Klatt reported on F. G. Miller High School's very busy Random Acts of Kindness Week, with events of all kinds. The school's basketball teams went to SPAA and brought back banners and medals. The badminton season will bet underway soon. A special presentation later that day would feature Gwynne Dyer, speaking on "The Climate Horizon," based on his book, "Climate Wars." F. G. Miller is also kicking off their fourth annual Veseys Seed fundraiser to support their projects and volunteer work, with the catalogue on the FGM website, fgmiller.ca and orders accepted by PUP and SADD members and mentors Angie Phillips, Lori Cribbins and Sherry Bower-Gagne. The fundraiser's deadline is April 13, which is also International Plant Appreciation Day.

Sgt Terry Hyggen said he has "a new shoulder, I am still on administrative duties and busy catching up" after a recent medical leave. He said that January and February are typically slower for police work, "but not this year," with 552 calls in those two months, "and we're kept hopping." Statistics up to March 14 include 77 reports of thefts and frauds, 63 of willful damage or vandalism, 42 assaults, 32 break-and-enters, 30 reports of robbery, harassment or threats at the top of the list, along with 55 collisions and a number of other incidents requiring police activity.

A major policing initiative saw two wanted individuals from Fishing Lake "finally cornered" by 30 members who were "out there a couple of days. They're back in court now, facing a lot of very serious charges, and we're looking for another two."

The school liaison program continues and a presentation on Pink Day by Cst. Potti was well received.

The Minister of Justice will be in Bonnyville on March 19 for a meeting with community leaders from Frog Lake and Fishing Lake and surrounding areas, and the sergeant has "provided information to the leaders who are attending," as well as being in discussions with the District and sending a letter in support of additional funding for "desperately needed positions."

Staffing at the detachment is getting back on par, he noted, with Bobby Burgess back and a new senior constable and a new recruit coming shortly. He expects to get the keys to the new building in June.

Town Council

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New listing

Council agreed to enter into an agreement with a new real estate firm, Property Plus, to list one of the town owned industrial lots.

Banking administrator

Manager of Finance Mir Ali was approved to serve as Net Banking Administrator for the Town.

Public Works

A number of resolutions came out of the March 6 Public Works meeting. A property owner concerned about flooding of a property in the industrial area will be sent a letter outlining points offered in the past to address the issue. A letter will also be sent to residents with concerns regarding an unfinished house, not yet energized streetlight and a dirt stockpile in the Centennial subdivision.

Council moved to draft a letter arranging a meeting with Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman, with copies going to MLA David Hanson and stakeholders to discuss physician recruitment for Elk Point and district.

Council will be discussing the need for quarterly "council gut checks" to determine if council's plans for the community are proceeding as planned and to gain a deeper understanding of issues, when they hold their Strategic Planning Session on March 16 and 17.

Parking at the row houses on Railway Ave. was also questioned, with Gwozdz noting that erecting signs can control the desired type of parking.

Fire Board

Resolutions were also forthcoming from the March 8 Fire Board meeting, regarding a press release to be used for recruiting firefighters, the need for an update of the2002 Fire Aid Agreement with Frog Lake First Nations, including an increase in fees to current levels, and approval of funding from the fire department training budget for a needed course. Concern was also expressed at that meeting regarding frequent medical assist requests going to the firefighters, with both the town and county urged to send letters to Alberta Health Services requesting that the level of service for a second ambulance in Elk Point be reviewed. Council approved sending the letter, with copies of the letter to be sent to MLA Hanson and the county.

Bylaw enforcement

Owners of one abandoned vehicle and two recreational vehicles parked on municipal property were fined and advised their units would be towed and impounded if not removed within the specified time limit.

Fines for late payment of animal license fees cannot be waived, due to town policy, but the owner who requested the fee waiver will be advised of extra time to pay the fines. The license fees have now been paid.

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Notice is hereby given that a special meeting for members of LICA will be held

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At the LICA office, 5107W-50 Street, Bonnyville, AB
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Elections will be held to fill a vacant Board of Directors seat, Community Representative.

Nomination forms are available at the LICA office.
Participants must hold a LICA membership to vote at this meeting.
Please RSVP to the LICA Office.

County of St. Paul No. 19

TAKE NOTICE that the following Development Permits have been issued in accordance with Land Use Bylaw No. 2013-50 of the County of St. Paul No. 19

PERMIT NO.	LOCATION	
18-D0011	S.W. 25-57-10-W4M Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 8122184	Accessory Building Height to be 17' instead of 14.75' *Land Use District:* *County Residential One (CR1)* **Discretionary Use**
18-D0012	S.E. 35-56-7-W4M	Temporary Work Camp Maximum 15 units on site and 25 occupants. *Land Use District: Agricultural (A)* **Discretionary Use**

Any person claiming to be affected by the said Development, may appeal within fourteen (14) days of this advertisement, to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by serving Notice of Appeal to the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of the

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Editorial

Another big job well done!

All you have to say in Elk Point is "We're hosting Provincials" and volunteers are ready to hop on the bandwagon.

It takes more than the Bantam Avalanche parents, and more than the whole Elk Point Minor Hockey Association to put on a four day weekend of tournament festivities. Fortunately for those folks, who are already working as hard as they can, the community rallies around and asks what they can do to help.

This weekend we saw former hockey parents manning the draw tables and selling 50/50s., Ray Danyluk taping row after row of cash on a pair of hockey sticks for the biggest Loonie Sticks draw ever, and people who don't even come to hockey games offering to bake dessert items for the concession booth - who knew there would be pies left on Sunday?

It was an amazing weekend, and that's thanks to all the hard work put in by the committee, the parents and a whole community of volunteers. Thanks to everyone who stepped up and got the job done!

Recreation Corner

Ideas needed for Canada Day

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Review Contributor

I know I've been saying it a lot, but we really do need more volunteers to help with the Canada Day festivities. Our volunteer force has dwindled over the years and we need new up-and-comers to join our team. It's a really fun committee that meets once a month, on the third Monday at 6:00 p.m.. The meetings typically last one hour or less.

On the day of Canada Day, usually a volunteer would be in charge, or oversee, of one event. So the commitment that day is only 1-3 hours. You pick what you enjoy and that's it! Sometimes we don't even need your assistance on the day-of, but could use your skills leading up to the event.

There's really something for everyone and we need all perspectives on the committee. So if you'd prefer just to come help plan and give us ideas or tips, we'd love that!

Along with volunteers were asking the people for their ideas and suggestions; what would you like to see at the Canada Day festivities? Please let us know by emailing recreation@elkpoint.ca

I've had a few people reach out to tell me they are excited for a geocaching information night. Plans are in the works for early spring. We're waiting for the snow to melt, so you can enjoy your geocaching adventure just a little more. Geocaching is the world's biggest treasure hunt, where participants use GPS coordinates to locate geocaches, which are small trinkets and treasures. Once a treasure is discovered the hunter will replace the item with a treasure of their own and leave their name (usually a nickname) on a pad of paper to indicate who has been to the location. Geocachers also log their finds at geocaching.com or through the geocaching app. You can play along without removing the item or leaving your name, but it's more fun if you fully participate.

There are 14 caches in Elk Point and 199 in the general area. Many of which are along the Iron Horse Trail. In fact, the Iron Horse Trail has over 1,400 caches to be discovered! Have you found any?

Way Back When...

New ballgame, new fire truck, community 'volunteered out'

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of March 19 in...

1988

Gordon McCuaig presented the Westmin Resources trophies to grand challenge winners Ron Dinkel, Henry Stang, Ed Rogoz and Brian Robinson of Alchem at the Fifth Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel. A new ballgame for the recreation land as town council almost went into extra innings, with two councilors going to bat for their preferred ball diamond layout.

1993

A $5,116,477 contract for the 30-bed long term care addition and renovations to Elk Point Hospital was awarded to Aman Building Corporation of Sherwood Park. Elk Point Skating Club saluted Broadway at their annual carnival, with Triple Gold skaters Elisabeth Ludlage and Shauna Loughran the stars of the show.

1998

Community Health Council chair D. W. Tolley and local board member Carol Maas visited town council to explain the purpose of the CHC and provide an update on its activities. MLA Paul Langevin made the big snip as Servus Credit Union officially opened its Elk Point branch, with John Yettaw as manager.

2003

Elk Point's new fire truck would be purchased from reserves, the $250,000 purchase approved after council studied the cost of repairing and recertifying the existing truck. The Community Advisory Policing Committee tackled the problem of collision potential at the intersection of Highways 41 and 646, and planned to lobby for a turning lane on Highway 41.

2008

Elk Point Avalanche hosted the Peewee 'D' Battle of Alberta, with honorary host chairman Doug Bassett dropping the puck between the Avs' Trever Ballas and Bow Island captain Colby Bechtold at the opening ceremonies. The Town of Elk Point brought back a staff position that had been scrapped several councils ago, crating the position of Recreation Coordinator to assist a community that Mayor Parrish Tung said was "volunteered out."

2013

Elk Point Town Council distributed $138,000 in 2012 Municipal Sustainability Initiative grants to eight organizations and three town programs from a total of $470,641 in MSI funding, with $328,074 was allocated for capital funding and $142,567 was earmarked for operating funding.

PINK LADIES Paige Skarsen and Kaylee Radcliffe opened the Ice Carnival with a duet to the title song as the skaters presented 'Grease.'

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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Elk Point ranks number one in Grade 12 exam marks: SPERD

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

At last week's board meeting, St. Paul Education Regional Division Superintendent Glen Brodziak reported on results from Eight Leaves, which is an organization that takes Alberta diploma examination marks and puts them into a system that allows parents, school boards, or anyone else to visually see how schools are performing.

"It's comparing apples to apples," said Brodziak. The Eight Leaves system only looks at diploma marks, unlike the Fraser Report that takes into account a number of other items.

During the March 14 monthly board meeting, Brodziak told the board that he put together some data using the Eight Leaves' 2017 results, and compared the division to other similar schools within a 200 km radius.

"Overall, our division schools perform well, and sometimes out perform," said Brodziak. He said the results show that Grade 12 students graduating from SPERD schools leave with a good foundation.

"Elk Point is number one this year," said Brodziak, when speaking of the schools in the division, and how they stack up.

According to a graphic that is formulated on the Eight Leaves website, F. G. Miller School in Elk Point falls in the bottom right corner of the graphic, which means students performed better than the provincial average, and students also had diploma exams that were closest to their school marks.

Ecole Mallaig School also appears to have done better than the provincial average when it comes to diploma marks in 2017. St. Paul Regional High School falls right along the provincial average line.

Sitting furthest away from the provincial average is Ashmont Secondary School, which is about 16 per cent below provincial average. St. Paul Alternate Education Centre is sits below provincial average, at about 10 per cent below average.

While Two Hills School also falls below average, it is by less than 2 per cent.

Brodziak noted that how schools perform does change year to year, but overall the division students do well on the provincial standardized test. He also noted that the focus isn't to teach to the test, but to teach to the outcomes.

Diploma exams count toward 30 per cent of a student's final grade.

For some of the smallest schools in the area, results aren't available.

For example, while École du Sommet shows up on the results, which operates under the East Central Francophone Education Region, only results for Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 exams are available, rather than a more complete average of all diploma exams.

Transportation

A letter from Minister of Education David Eggen was included in the SPERD agenda package, last week.

The letter discusses the changes that occurred when the School Amendment Act was passed last fall, which included amendments respecting student transportation.

The changes meant that students living more than 2.4 km away from school didn't have to pay for a bus pass. In St. Paul, this meant that many families that were required to pay for in-town busing previously, no long had to, and that resulted in more students taking the bus.

"Our buses are fuller than they've ever been," said board chair Heather Starosielski, when speaking about the letter.

But, because of a voiced need to meet with parents and school authorities before making any other changes has been noted, the province will keep the current transportation eligibility distance as it is, and key changes will be deferred to the 2019/20 school year.

The ministry will continue to seek feedback and ideas from parents, stakeholders, and school authorities, reads the letter. A province-wide survey will be held to engage with parents and stakeholders.

Changes are expected to be made in the fall of 2018, which gives parents and school authorities about 10 months to adjust to the new requirements, before the 2019/20 school year begins.

Cuts

SPERD administration continues to work toward cutting about $1 million from its budget, reported Superintendent Glen Brodziak in his monthly report.

"We're still putting all the pieces together," he said, when speaking to the board of trustees.

Panic buttons

Brodziak also noted that the division is looking at installing "panic buttons" in all its schools. The button allows for all outside doors to be locked at once, with the push of a button.

Some schools already have the system in place, but the division is looking at expanding the system to all of its schools. Brodziak also noted that the division is looking at the possibility of installing flashing lights on the outside of schools, which would be turned on when a school is in lockdown.

The lights would help notify people to stay away from the area.

Hat policy

Brodziak reported that he anticipates there will be no more hat policies at any of the division's junior and senior high schools by September.

The issue has come up during administrator meetings, with Brodziak being a strong proponent of getting rid of hat policies in the division schools.

"We're beyond that," said Brodziak, who doesn't believe schools should be disciplining students who choose to wear hats.

There was some feedback from the elementary schools that felt younger children wearing hats could be a distractor in the younger grades, and staff felt it was important to see a child's face.

But, by junior high, a hat shouldn't be linked to a students' learning, said Brodziak. Students will still be asked to remove hats to respect guests and special events.

Wrong golf rates

Our apologies to Elk Point Golf and Country Club, whose individual early bird membership if paid by April 1 is $450, NOT $750 as reported in our March 6 issue. After April 1 it is $500.

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

HIGHLIGHTS

March 13, 2018 Council Meeting

Ashmont Mallaig Regional Waterline – Five tenders were received by Urban Systems for the Ashmont Mallaig Regional Waterline tender. Urban Systems reviewed the tender submissions for compliance and based on their recommendation Council awarded the project to Beretta Pipeline Construction LP for $7,054,057.50. This transmission line is part of the $10,200,000 project which will be funded by the federal government in the amount of $4,750,000, the provincial government providing $4,729,880 as well as the municipality contributing $720,120.

Cold Mix Tender – Council received two tenders for mixing cold mix at the Richland Pit and in Mallaig. Council accepted the lowest tender of $12/tonne from Black Track Paving.

Bylaw No. 2018-03 – Council gave all three readings to Bylaw No. 2018-03 to re-designate Lot 27, Block 1, Plan 8021891 contained within NW 23-56-4-W4 as a municipal reserve. The property was designated as municipal reserve when the subdivision was developed, but the designation was removed in 2003. This re-designation is the result of a request from the residents in the Waterton Subdivision.

Compensation Review – Following a compensation review by Russell Farmer and Associates Consulting Ltd. where 20 municipalities with a similar assessment base were surveyed, a new compensation grid was developed for County of St. Paul employees that reflects the market for these positions. Employees were placed on the grid based on their positions. The impact of this new grid is anticipated to be approximately $105,000 in 2018. As there was no cost of living increase for staff in 2016 and 2017, Administration in the preliminary budget allowed for a 1.3% cost of living to the current salaries which was estimated to be the same cost, so the move to this new grid does not increase the compensation previously budgeted for. Council will not provide cost of living to this grid in the future, therefore staff who reach the top of their grid will remain at that salary until the grid is next reviewed which is anticipated to be in 2-4 years. Movement along the grid will occur based on a satisfactory performance appraisal. The Chief Administrative Officer is not included in the grid and council made a motion to provide her a 1.3% increase.

Council remuneration was also reviewed by the consultant. The base salary for the Reeve was increased by $190/month. The Deputy Reeve and Councillors saw no increase in their monthly rates. The following rates were also increased:

Committee meeting - from $165 to $190
Out of Town meeting rate - meetings over 200 km one way was $190
New rate - meetings over 170 km one way is $240
Mileage - from $0.52 to $0.54/km up to 5000 km/year; $0.48/km over 5000 km/year

Council committee meeting rates have been unchanged since January 2008.

Lodging, meals, parking/taxi rates remain unchanged. In addition, there will be no change to the Member-at-large meeting rate - $165/meeting.

All compensation changes for both staff and Council are effective January 1, 2018.

Volunteer Income Tax Program – The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS partnered with Canada Revenue Agency is offering the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program for low income residents within the County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point. Trained volunteers will complete income tax returns free of charge for – single earning up to $30,000; couple earning up to $40,000; adult with one child earning up to $35,000 ($2,500 for each additional dependent). Residents qualifying for this service can drop off their taxes at the County Office or Elk Point FCSS office during business hours.

Automatic Withdrawal for Utility Billings – Beginning April 25th, utility customers will have the option of having their water and sewer payment automatically withdrawn from their bank account on a monthly basis. Residents are encouraged to fill out the application forms that were included with the February bill. The monthly withdrawal will be the actual invoice amount; it will not be pro-rated.

Funding Support:

- $500 – St. Paul Regional High School Boys - Curling Provincials
- $500 – Elk Point PeeWee - Hockey Provincials
- $500 – Elk Point Midget - Hockey Provincials
- $500 – Mallaig Atoms - Hockey Provincials
- $1,000 – St. Paul Senior Citizens Club Transportation Grant
- $1,000 – St. Lina Dew Drop Inn Club Transportation Grant

For more information contact
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Bantam Provincials

(Continued from Front Page)

The Provincials tournament started at noon Thursday, with the Daysland – Forestburg ThunderStars defeating Winfield Sharks 3 – 1, Hanna Colts downing Redwater Rush 6 – 2 and Valleyview Ice Bears doubling Airdrie Lightning 10 – 5 before the opening ceremonies.

An excellent crowd of families and fans from across the province was on hand to cheer on their favourites as the Ice Bears, Rush, Sharks, Bow Island Rebels, Colts, Lightning, ThunderStars and host Elk Point Avalanche were led in by a pair of flag bearers, each team escorted by runners from the younger Avalanche teams. Rod Cardinal led the singing of O Canada, before MC Brian Poitras introduced Julie Roth and Kelly Currey of ATB Financial, presenting sponsor of the tournament.

Dave James of Hockey Alberta welcomed the participants and fans, noting that the Provincial Championships have been six months in the planning, but "it takes volunteers and communities to get it all together." He led a round of applause for the tournament committee, and thanked the sponsors and team supporters before congratulating the players, coaches and managers on their successful seasons and advising the teams to "Play hard, play fair and have fun."

Town of Elk Point Couns. Terri Hampson and Debra McQuinn welcomed the visitors to Elk Point and thanked the many tireless volunteers for their part in the event.

Committee members Melissa Rogal, Lisa Van Maarion, Margaret Bayduza, Candace Bendixen, Twila Stafford and Doug Bassett were introduced before Bassett made his way to centre ice for the ceremonial face-off between Avalanche captain Liam Ludlage and the Rebels captain.

The Avs first game of the weekend got off to an inauspicious start, with penalties that gave the Rebels the opportunity to lob a pair of power play goals seven seconds apart past netminder Slader Hardcastle. The Avs were able to even the score later in the period, with goals by Cole Bendixen, assisted by Ludlage, and Dallas Bristow, assisted by Danny Cardinal, and match the third Rebels goal with another by Bristow, assisted by Mathew Quinney and Charlie Rogal. The Avs added three more in the second, Ludlage assisted by Bristow and Rogal, Cardinal assisted by Bristow and Evan Ockerman, and Bristow's hat trick goal assisted by Ludlage, while the Rebels scored a single. Quinney would add a final goal for the Avs in the third, assisted by Evan Ockerman, for a 7 – 4 final score.

Friday

Following Redwater's 6-2 win over Winfield and Hanna's 8 – 5 win over the ThunderStars, the Avalanche took to the ice against the Ice Bears, the Bears scoring two in the first period and keeping the Avs at bay for a full 49 minutes, before Bendixen scored the Avs' lone goal, off an assist by Ludlage. Bow Island would wind up the day's ice action with a 4-2 win over Airdrie.

On Friday evening, all teams and their families gathered at F. G. Miller High School for a banquet, where one member of each team came forward to tell what was special about their town. MC Tyler Warawa told the visitors that Elk Point is "home to a true celebrity, Mark Letestu. He's gone to Columbus now, but Mark will bring the Stanley Cup back to Elk Point."

Brian Poitras told the crowd that Elk Point's Bantam team coaches, Marty Bendixen, Tyson Stafford and Greg Van Maarion, "were three of our best-ever hockey players. Marty was the captain of Elk Point's first Provincial Champion team in 1995."

Each coach had an opportunity to introduce their team and talk about the past season, its challenges and triumphs, before Elk Point Minor Hockey president Angi Sanregret came forward to add her welcome to the visitors, noting, "it's so exciting to be hosting a provincial tournament for the second consecutive year." She introduced the host committee and presented each with a token of appreciation. Melissa Rogal, chair of that committee, also thanked the other teams for coming to Elk Point and said, "We appreciate the good nature everyone has shown."

Saturday

The host Avalanche was first on Saturday's schedule, taking on the Wild Card team from Airdrie. The Avs scored two goals early in the first period, Evan Ockerman assisted by Ludlage and Bendixen and Ludlage assisted by Odin Smith, and added an unassisted goal by Danny Cardinal with slightly over four minutes on the clock, just as the Airdrie goalie was accidentally flattened by one of his teammates, and was carried off the ice by Elk Point firefighters minutes later after emergency teams were called.

Ludlage added two more goals in the second, both unassisted, and assisted Rogal and Bendixen in two others, Dallas Bristow making it 8 – 0 before the buzzer sounded. Airdrie finally made it on to the scoreboard almost 12 minutes into the third, with Ludlage's fourth goal with five minutes remaining, and Airdrie firing a parting shot past Hardcastle with two seconds left in the game, giving the Avs a 9 – 2 win.

The next break saw the draws made for a wide array of donated prizes and the major fundraisers, with the liquor basket going to Darcy Colleton, the Player Board, with a total of $287.50, to the Bantam Avs' Odin Smith, and the Loonie Sticks, two top grade hockey sticks decorated with bills and coins adding up to a whopping $2,800, going to Midget Avalanche player Brody 'Big O' Odgaard, who bought just one ticket – the lucky ticket.

Later in the day, Hanna defeated Winfield 6 – 2, Valleyview had a 5 – 1 win over Bow Island and the ThunderStars trounced Redwater 5 – 2, as they wound up the pool round robins.

Semi Finals

With their Ice Bears mascot dancing in the stands, Valleyview danced to a 5 – 2 win over the ThunderStars in the first game of the morning to claim a spot in the championship final, with three of their goals coming in the second half of the game to break a 2 - 2 tie.

The crowd got even larger as the Avalanche took to the ice against Hanna Colts, who scored two goals in the first period. The Avs took advantage of a power play early in the second for a goal by Ludlage, assisted by Dean Ockerman and Rogal, and tied the score three minutes later, Cardinal assisted by Ludlage.

Hanna would take the lead again before the end of the second and add a fourth goal early in the third, with Ludlage quick to answer that one with an unassisted goal to shrink the deficit. Unfortunately for the host team, that was the final goal of the game for both teams, with the score remaining 4 – 3 in Hanna's favour, even after the Avs pulled goalie Slader Hardcastle in favour of an extra offense, Hanna advancing to the final against Valleyview.

LOONIE STICK WINNER Brody Odgaard is congratulated by tournament committee members Candace Bendixen and Lisa Van Maarion and raffle salesman extraordinaire Ray Danyluk.

2018 CHAMPIONS - Valleyview Ice Bears are the Alberta Bantam D Provincial Champions, after a second-overtime battle that kept fans on the edge of their seats to wind up a weekend of tremendous hockey action between Alberta's eight top Bantam D teams.

SILVER MEDALISTS - The Hanna Colts lost a difficult decision in double overtime to the Provincial champions from Valleyview.

HOST TEAM - Elk Point Avalanche had two great wins to advance to the semi-finals, but lost out to Hanna Colts.

Meet the Elk Point Midget Avalanche

Representing Zone 2 at the Midget 'C' Provincials in Rimbey

Brody 'Big O' Odgaard

A monster of a man who can dominate the game, excellent face-off man, extremely strong, tall and lanky with a tremendous reach, very versatile he can play forward or on the D, even strength, short- handed or on the power play.

'Warrior Warren' Ference

Rugged, hard-nosed, veteran defenseman who loves to battle in the trenches and cruises like a shark, takes no prisoners, doesn't panic when pressured, can carry or pass the puck out of the zone

Cyle 'Grinder' Graus

The 'Grinder' plays a simple game, a stay at home veteran defenseman who never wanders too far from the home front, has an excellent work ethic and goes about his business day in and day out.

'Awesome Alex' Hunter

Veteran team captain who leads by example, confident puck handler, extremely talented skater and set up man, very dangerous sniper who knows how to score in clutch situations

Chase 'Rink Rat' Dorey

Great size, this mucker and grinder has good skating skills, a sharp shooting who honed his skills outside playing pond hockey.

Spenser 'Fortress' Hardcastle

A solid veteran goaltender, his consistent effort game in and game out has bailed his team out many times, very good down low, reads the play well, covers rebounds

Nick 'Sparky 'Anderson

All out all the time, this small energizer bunny never stops ticking, blazing speed with tremendous finesse skills, dangerously talented sniper with the puck who can pick the top shelf like no others.

Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion

A rookie first year midget goalie who loves the challenge and can handle the pressure of playing tough teams in do or die situations. Tremendous reflexes, quick glove and blocker

Hank 'the Tank' Rogal

Fearless, he never misses a beat, Excellent skater who can handle the puck well, not flashy, plays smart hockey, has a good snap shot

Chad 'Pick Pocket' Poitras

Fast and furious, an outstanding skater who has quick acceleration, cruises with lightning speed, a terrific fore checking and back checking veteran who hounds the opposition and forces turnovers,

Wolke 'Wolfman' Cueva

Solid built forward who handles himself really well, not afraid to get his nose dirty, goes to the tough areas around the net and battles for rebounds. Good set- up man

Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage

Solid stocky defenseman who plays a fearless physical game, a freewheeling D man who's not afraid to carry the puck or jump up into the play, has a wicked slap shot.

Austin 'Astro' Axley

Has no off button, fierce veteran competitor who plays a smart game. Is very scrappy for his size, great offensive skill, as a great eye for the net and rarely misses the target.

Abe 'New Guy' Newfeld

First year playing organized hockey and after only a few games he jumped right into the fire. Full of promise, he gets knocked down but will always get up. Not intimated by the much bigger players in the league.

Coaches

Head coach Quinton Hunter is assisted by Greg Van Maarion, Christoph Ludlage and Dwayne Odgaard, with Jackie Ludlage and Lori Poitras as the team's managers

Elk Point Peewee Avalanche

Representing Zone 2 at Peewee 'B' Provincials in LaCrete

PROFILES BY DOUG BASSETT

Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk

Towering tall and lanky goaltender who's capable of covering the whole net with his size even when he is playing the butterfly style which he has been practicing all year and perfected.

'Mick Jager' Fontaine

Very talented skater and stick handler, the team captain is a slippery dude that can dance through traffic. Has a wicked slap shot which he has honed on perfecting and almost always hits the top corner of the cage

Landon 'the Magnificent' Malchowski

This long striding smooth skating fast D Man has a very long reach and has really learned how to master the poke check. Knows how to step up into the play and get home again.

Nicholas 'the Saint' Penner

One of the top skaters on the team this stay at home defenseman plays it safe but has the ability to skate through heavy traffic when he gets the green light

Cash 'Paycheque' Capjack

A outstanding fast player who is hard to catch in a foot race, doesn't shy away from the tough stuff, terrific back checker, has great puck handling skills and a very hard shot.

Kade 'the Kid' Fontaine

A confident back -up goalie with a good glove hand, has quick reflexes rarely give up a bad goal

Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman

Great fore-checking center-man who wins a lot of face off battles, goes to the tough areas and digs the puck out and is not afraid to get his nose dirty

Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal

A gritty two-way strong defenseman with a great winning attitude who is a terrific playmaker

Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron

He isn't big but a real scrapper that won't back down, awesome set up man, great accelerating speed, tremendous fore-checker

'King Kong Konnor' Poitras

Big and mobile he can play any position, great strength, lots of offensive talent, with his soft hands he's a natural goal scorer

Rylee 'the Rocket' Warawa

Superb skater she can keep up with anyone in the league. Stops and turns on a dime, she can change speed and directions at will. Won't be pushed around or intimated.

Ceajay 'Greasy' Quinney

Tough rough and ready and steady hard-nosed defenseman who isn't afraid to battle for the puck.

Coaches

Peewee Avalanche head coach is James Capjack, with assistant coaches Shane Fontaine, Robyn Moroziuk and Jeff Morton and managers Sandi Capjack and Melissa Rogal.

ANOTHER YEAR OF POND HOCKEY FUN HAS COME TO A CLOSE WITH OUR YEAR END POND HOCKEY FESTIVAL.

We had teams from Mallaig, St Paul, Two Hills, Vermilion, and Wainwright. We want to thank these teams for travelling to our community to share this day with us, and giving us a great day of playing. All the kids had a great time, and we could also not have accomplished our day without our fabulous sponsors! With the economy being slow in the last few years, we really didn't expect the local community to be able to give like they did this year, so another BIG thank you for helping out our wonderful Oil Barons Pond Hockey Team, it is very much appreciated!!

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ALL PAIRED UP - The Saloonkeeper's Daughter wasn't the only one to find romance in the Elk Point Choral Society and Friends' dinner theatre presentation of that name. From left to right are Parson Kindly and his unlikely choice, dance hall darling Cinnamon Hickey, saloonkeeper Red White and Sally Forth, the Grimy Geezer and Molly Bolt, all of whom can't quite believe that the villain of the piece, Mannly Raesh, has found a bride - yes, a bride - in what he thought was his sidekick, Seedy Schlepper. Hero Rusty Witts and the saloonkeeper's daughter Lily and Blackie White and the parson's daughter Charity, are almost too wrapped up in each other to even notice!

Last call brings love for Saloonkeeper crew

....And some of the match-ups are quite surprising!

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Choral Society and Friends wrapped up their 25th year of outstanding dinner theatre presentations on Saturday evening with the last call... and some very surprising proposals... at the wild-west saloon that was the setting for 'The Saloonkeeper's Daughter,' which brought back the group's 2008 hit, and several of the stars from the earlier rendition.

One of those returnees was Alan Kostynuik as the villainous Mannly Raesch, who held the mortgage on Red White's saloon, and told White (Kelly Burke) that it was pay up or else... or maybe he'd just marry White's daughter Lily (Caitlyn Tazzer), since he'd heard she would inherit the saloon. Another was Dixie Coleman as dancing girl Cinnamon Hickey, this time leading a chorus line that included Dorothy Wuola as Sally Forth and Kiera Burke as Molly Bolt, but still with a certain unlikely fondness for Parson Kindly, played by returnee Udo Mueller. Also back was John Sieben as the scruffy old Seedy Schlepper, who along with Grimy Geezer, this time played by John Gottenbos, may have played the world's longest card game as the drama and intrigue unfolded around them.

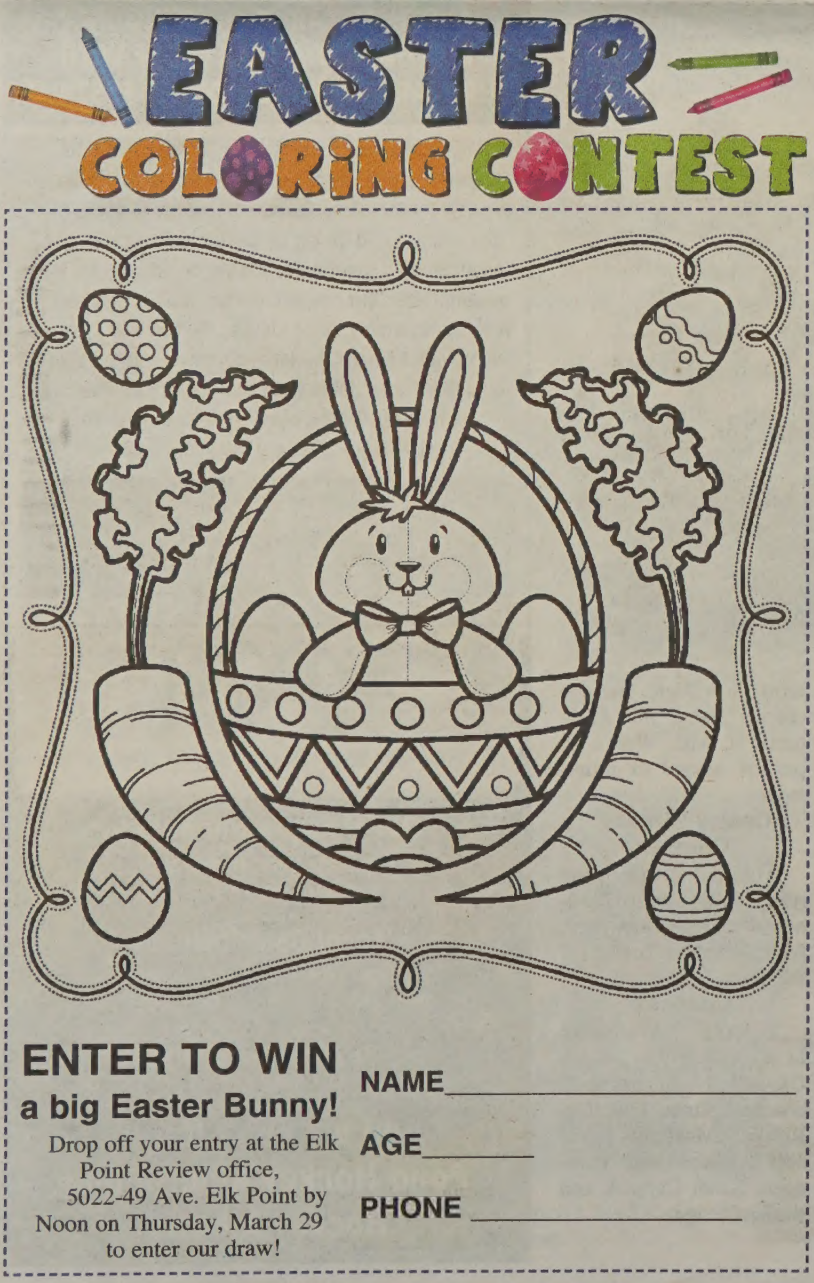
Where was Parson Kindly, and why was his daughter Charity (Ashley Heyden) slurping whiskey while she pondered his absence? Would the saloonkeeper's brother, jailbird Blackie White (Kendall Snyder) be the answer to that lonely maiden's prayers, and would Lily return the affections of cowboy hero Rusty Witts (Shawn Sheplawy), who helped the saloon girls to scrounge up enough money to pay off the mortgage?

All that came out well in the end, but not until a rumor emerged that the parson was really outlaw Slippery Rhodes. However, he turned out to be an undercover detective looking for Rhodes, who really was Blackie White, and had already served his time. And while a former jailbird wasn't a good candidate as a mate for a parson's daughter, he would do just fine as a husband for the detective's daughter. Now no longer a parson, the detective revealed that he had a certain fondness for both whiskey-laced sarsaparilla and for Cinnamon Hickey. Lily overcame Rusty's reluctance to commit to romance, Molly waltzed off with the Grimy Geezer and with the saloon's mortgage finally paid off, Red realized his love for Sally.

That left only Mannly and his longtime sidekick Seedy to unveil the biggest surprise of the show – Seedy had been disguised as a man all along, and was more than willing to be stuffed into a wedding gown and veil, and to hogtie the villain and drag him off to the altar, before yet another audience of cheering fans.

A MOST VILE VILLAIN - Alaan Kostyniuk returned to his 2008 role as the villain of the piece, Mannly Raesch, who was still just as eager to foreclose on the saloon mortgage as he was way back then.

THERE COULD BE TROUBLE HERE, FOLKS - Saloonkeeper Red White has serious reservations about the suitability of his jailbird brother Blackie as a match for Parson Kindly's daughter Charity.



Pet Day, St. Patrick's Day add up to fun at Playschool

When Pet Day and the annual St. Patrick's Day party at Jack and Jill Playschool fall on the same day, it's double the fun. Pets from dogs large and small to a spotted gecko to a variety of stuffed animals and a very big, egg-laying bird and the playschool's first-ever baby calf were all on hand with their owners, and later in the morning, the youngsters enjoyed a treasure hunt, finding pots of candy and gold coins, courtesy of Lucky the Leprechaun and instructor Tammy Klatt, at the end of the rainbow.

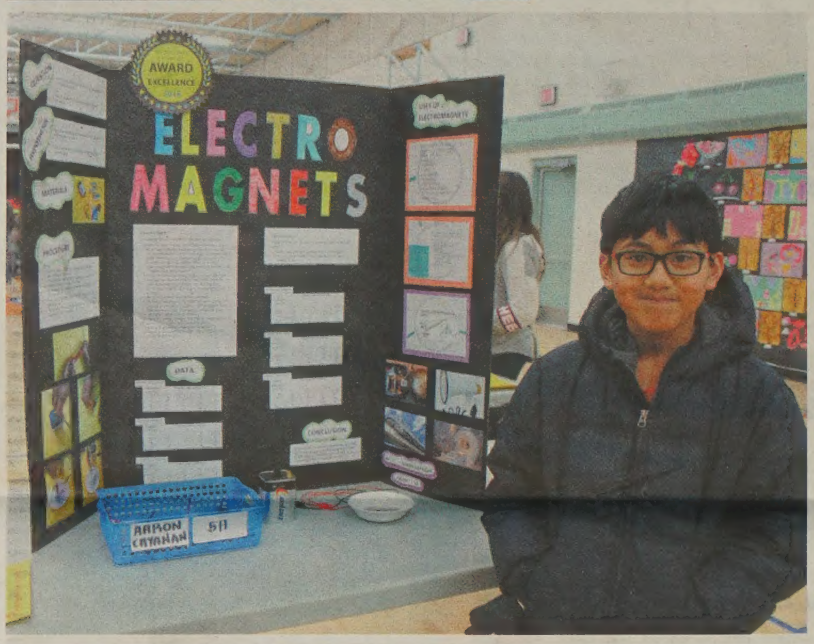
Photos by Vicki Brooker and Tammy Klatt

Science, art and good books at EPE

Elk Point Elementary School's library and gymnasium were filled to the brim with fans of science, art and good books on Tuesday, March 6, when the school hosted its annual Science Fair, Art Show and Book Fair.

At left, Robyn Urquhart demonstrates how to make ooey, gluey Ooblek, an experiment that earned her an Award of Excellence.

At right, a fan of the famous literary mouse, Geronimo Stilton, has her picture taken with her hero by one of EPE's School Ambassadors.



Another Award of Excellence winner was Grade 5A student Aaron Cayanan, for his experiment on Electromagnets.

Wall to wall to wall artwork was enjoyed by both parents and children during the evening.

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130. Coming Events

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LICA ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS

HIRING SUMMER EMPLOYEE

OVERVIEW:

LICA is currently seeking a full-time Summer Employee from the end of April until the end of August to assist with various programs.

LICA, a community-based not-for-profit association is a Synergy Group, Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) for the Beaver River Watershed and Airshed Zone with a focus on environmental monitoring, environmental management, and community education and outreach.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in delivery of all Education and Outreach programs and events
- Assist in the implementation of the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program
- Provide support for all basic administrative tasks, including data entry, filing, answering phones
- Provide support to the Executive Director and Officers of the Board of Directors

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education in a related field, such as environmental studies, biology, forestry, education, considered an asset
- **Valid Driver's License (Class 5)** and access to a reliable vehicle

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:

- Previous experience in a similar position considered an asset
- Experience working with youth and children
- Knowledge of general environmental management practices considered an asset
- Strong verbal & written communication, computer and office skills
- Professional and friendly attitude
- Flexible & able to work independently

Please submit your resume, including education completed, references & wage expectations by April 5th to arianne@lica.ca or in person at:

5107W-50 Street, Bonnyville, AB

Thank you for your interest, however, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

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500. Tenders

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INVITATION TO BID

Owner: TOWN OF ELK POINT
Project: BULK WATER FILL STATION
Reference No: 3871.0003.02

The Owner invites Bids for construction of the work, which in general terms, will consist of the following:

- Site grading
- Supply and installation of a turn-key bulk water fill station
- Construction of approximately 1,400m² of gravel access road
- Construction of approximately 35m of 150mm diameter watermain including a connection to the existing distribution system and connection to the fill station
- Electrical service installation and connection to fill station

The successful Bidder will be required to enter into a CCDC 2 (2008) Stipulated Price Contract.

Sealed bids clearly marked **"TOWN OF ELK POINT – BULK WATER FILL STATION"** will be received prior to **March 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**, MST, at the following address and location:

Address: **TOWN OF ELK POINT**
c/o Urban Systems Ltd.
200 – 10345 105 Street NW
Edmonton, AB T5J 1E8

Attention: **Jared Halter, P.Eng.**

Bid Documents and reference material for this contract will only be distributed electronically in digital format (pdf format) through the tendering website at www.merx.com/urban

Electronic Documents include:

- Contract Front End, Specifications and Appendices
- Issued for Bid Drawings
- Non-Bid Information
- Any Addenda

Documents will be available for downloading commencing March 9, 2018.

500. Tenders

3010. Auctions

FARMLAND W/GRAVEL Reserves - Sundre, Alberta. Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Unreserved Auction, April 25 in Edmonton. 156.71+/- title acres. $6,500 SLR, 2.2 million m3 proven gravel reserves. Jerry Hodge: 780-706-6652; Brokerage: Ritchie Bros. Real Estate Services Ltd; rbauction.com/realestate.

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